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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,
Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Turkey
and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
draft resolution

Assistance to Palestine refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 51/124 of 13 December 1996 and all its previous resolutions on the question, including resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948,

Taking note of the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East covering the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,¹

Welcoming the signature in Washington, D.C., on 13 September 1993 by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the people of Palestine, of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements² and the subsequent implementation

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/52/13).

² A/48/486-S/26560, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993, document S/26560.



agreements, and also the signature of the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in Washington, D.C., on 28 September 1995,

Encouraging the Multilateral Working Group on Refugees of the Middle East peace process to continue its important work,

Welcoming also the completion of the transfer of the headquarters of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to Gaza to its area of operations,

1. Notes with regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of its resolution 194 (III), has not yet been effected and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of concern;

2. Expresses its thanks to the Commissioner-General and to all the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, recognizing that the Agency is doing all it can within the limits of available resources, and also expresses its thanks to the specialized agencies and to private organizations for their valuable work in assisting refugees;

3. Notes with regret that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine has been unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), and requests the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation of that paragraph and to report to the Assembly as appropriate, but not later than 1 September 1998;

4. Notes the significant success of the Peace Implementation Programme of the Agency since the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements,² and stresses the importance that contributions to this Programme are not at the expense of the General Fund;

5. Welcomes strengthened cooperation between the Agency and the World Bank and other specialized agencies, and calls upon the Agency to make a decisive contribution towards giving a fresh impetus to the economic and social stability of the occupied territories;

6. Urges all Member States to extend and expedite aid and assistance with a view to the economic and social development of the Palestinian people and the occupied territories;

7. Reiterates its deep concern regarding the persisting critical financial situation of the Agency, as outlined in the report of the Commissioner-General;

8. Commends the efforts of the Commissioner-General to move towards budgetary transparency and internal efficiency, and hopes that such moves will continue;

9. Notes with profound concern that the structural deficit problem confronting the Agency portends an almost certain decline in the living

conditions of the Palestine refugees and that it, therefore, has possible consequences for the peace process;

10. Calls upon all Governments, as a matter of urgency, to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs of the Agency, and urges non-contributing Governments to contribute regularly and encourages contributing Governments to consider increasing their regular contributions.



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Interim Self-Government Arrangements² and the subsequent implementation agreements, and also the signature of the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in Washington, D.C., on 28 September 1995,

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² A/48/486-S/26560, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993, document S/26560.

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Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,
Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain,
Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
draft resolution

Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief
and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 2791 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, 51/125 of 13 December 1996 and the previous resolutions on this question,

Recalling also its decision 36/462 of 16 March 1982, by which it took note of the special report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,¹

Having considered the report of the Working Group,²

¹ A/36/866 and Corr.1; see also A/37/591.

² A/52/578.



Taking into account the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,¹

Deeply concerned about the persisting critical financial situation of the Agency, which has affected and affects the continuation of the provision of the necessary Agency services to Palestine refugees, including the emergency-related programmes,

Emphasizing the continuing need for extraordinary efforts in order to maintain, at least at the current minimum level, the activities of the Agency, as well as to enable the Agency to carry out essential construction,

1. Commends the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its efforts to assist in ensuring the financial security of the Agency;
2. Takes note with approval of the report of the Working Group;
3. Requests the Working Group to continue its efforts, in cooperation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General, for the financing of the Agency for a further period of one year;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia,
Jordan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab
Emirates and Yemen: draft resolution

Persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and
subsequent hostilities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2252 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967 and 2341 B (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and all subsequent related resolutions,

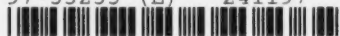
Recalling also Security Council resolutions 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967 and 259 (1968) of 27 September 1968,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of its resolution 51/126 of 13 December 1996,¹

Taking note also of the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,²

¹ A/52/423.

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/52/13).



Concerned about the continuing human suffering resulting from the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities,

Taking note of the relevant provisions of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, signed in Washington, D.C., on 13 September 1993 by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization,³ with regard to the modalities for the admission of persons displaced in 1967, and concerned that the process agreed upon has not yet been effected,

1. Reaffirms the right of all persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities to return to their homes or former places of residence in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967;
2. Expresses the hope for an accelerated return of displaced persons through the mechanism agreed upon by the parties in article XII of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements;
3. Endorses, in the meanwhile, the efforts of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to continue to provide humanitarian assistance, as far as practicable, on an emergency basis, and as a temporary measure, to persons in the area who are currently displaced and in serious need of continued assistance as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities;
4. Strongly appeals to all Governments and to organizations and individuals to contribute generously to the Agency and to the other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned for the above purposes;
5. Requests the Secretary-General, after consulting with the Commissioner-General, to report to the General Assembly before its fifty-third session on the progress made with regard to the implementation of the present resolution.

³ A/48/486-S/26560, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993, document S/26560.



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Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Djibouti, Egypt, India, Indonesia,
Jordan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab
Emirates and Yemen: draft resolution

Offers by Member States of grants and scholarships for higher education, including vocational training, for

26/12/1981, 27/12/81, 28/12/81, 29/12/81, 30/12/81, 31/12/81, 1/1/82, 2/1/82, 3/1/82, 4/1/82, 5/1/82, 6/1/82, 7/1/82, 8/1/82, 9/1/82, 10/1/82, 11/1/82, 12/1/82, 13/1/82, 14/1/82, 15/1/82, 16/1/82, 17/1/82, 18/1/82, 19/1/82, 20/1/82, 21/1/82, 22/1/82, 23/1/82, 24/1/82, 25/1/82, 26/1/82, 27/1/82, 28/1/82, 29/1/82, 30/1/82, 31/1/82, 1/2/82, 2/2/82, 3/2/82, 4/2/82, 5/2/82, 6/2/82, 7/2/82, 8/2/82, 9/2/82, 10/2/82, 11/2/82, 12/2/82, 13/2/82, 14/2/82, 15/2/82, 16/2/82, 17/2/82, 18/2/82, 19/2/82, 20/2/82, 21/2/82, 22/2/82, 23/2/82, 24/2/82, 25/2/82, 26/2/82, 27/2/82, 28/2/82, 29/2/82, 30/2/82, 31/2/82, 1/3/82, 2/3/82, 3/3/82, 4/3/82, 5/3/82, 6/3/82, 7/3/82, 8/3/82, 9/3/82, 10/3/82, 11/3/82, 12/3/82, 13/3/82, 14/3/82, 15/3/82, 16/3/82, 17/3/82, 18/3/82, 19/3/82, 20/3/82, 21/3/82, 22/3/82, 23/3/82, 24/3/82, 25/3/82, 26/3/82, 27/3/82, 28/3/82, 29/3/82, 30/3/82, 31/3/82, 1/4/82, 2/4/82, 3/4/82, 4/4/82, 5/4/82, 6/4/82, 7/4/82, 8/4/82, 9/4/82, 10/4/82, 11/4/82, 12/4/82, 13/4/82, 14/4/82, 15/4/82, 16/4/82, 17/4/82, 18/4/82, 19/4/82, 20/4/82, 21/4/82, 22/4/82, 23/4/82, 24/4/82, 25/4/82, 26/4/82, 27/4/82, 28/4/82, 29/4/82, 30/4/82, 31/4/82, 1/5/82, 2/5/82, 3/5/82, 4/5/82, 5/5/82, 6/5/82, 7/5/82, 8/5/82, 9/5/82, 10/5/82, 11/5/82, 12/5/82, 13/5/82, 14/5/82, 15/5/82, 16/5/82, 17/5/82, 18/5/82, 19/5/82, 20/5/82, 21/5/82, 22/5/82, 23/5/82, 24/5/82, 25/5/82, 26/5/82, 27/5/82, 28/5/82, 29/5/82, 30/5/82, 31/5/82, 1/6/82, 2/6/82, 3/6/82, 4/6/82, 5/6/82, 6/6/82, 7/6/82, 8/6/82, 9/6/82, 10/6/82, 11/6/82, 12/6/82, 13/6/82, 14/6/82, 15/6/82, 16/6/82, 17/6/82, 18/6/82, 19/6/82, 20/6/82, 21/6/82, 22/6/82, 23/6/82, 24/6/82, 25/6/82, 26/6/82, 27/6/82, 28/6/82, 29/6/82, 30/6/82, 31/6/82, 1/7/82, 2/7/82, 3/7/82, 4/7/82, 5/7/82, 6/7/82, 7/7/82, 8/7/82, 9/7/82, 10/7/82, 11/7/82, 12/7/82, 13/7/82, 14/7/82, 15/7/82, 16/7/82, 17/7/82, 18/7/82, 19/7/82, 20/7/82, 21/7/82, 22/7/82, 23/7/82, 24/7/82, 25/7/82, 26/7/82, 27/7/82, 28/7/82, 29/7/82, 30/7/82, 31/7/82, 1/8/82, 2/8/82, 3/8/82, 4/8/82, 5/8/82, 6/8/82, 7/8/82, 8/8/82, 9/8/82, 10/8/82, 11/8/82, 12/8/82, 13/8/82, 14/8/82, 15/8/82, 16/8/82, 17/8/82, 18/8/82, 19/8/82, 20/8/82, 21/8/82, 22/8/82, 23/8/82, 24/8/82, 25/8/82, 26/8/82, 27/8/82, 28/8/82, 29/8/82, 30/8/82, 31/8/82, 1/9/82, 2/9/82, 3/9/82, 4/9/82, 5/9/82, 6/9/82, 7/9/82, 8/9/82, 9/9/82, 10/9/82, 11/9/82, 12/9/82, 13/9/82, 14/9/82, 15/9/82, 16/9/82, 17/9/82, 18/9/82, 19/9/82, 20/9/82, 21/9/82, 22/9/82, 23/9/82, 24/9/82, 25/9/82, 26/9/82, 27/9/82, 28/9/82, 29/9/82, 30/9/82, 31/9/82, 1/10/82, 2/10/82, 3/10/82, 4/10/82, 5/10/82, 6/10/82, 7/10/82, 8/10/82, 9/10/82, 10/10/82, 11/10/82, 12/10/82, 13/10/82, 14/10/82, 15/10/82, 16/10/82, 17/10/82, 18/10/82, 19/10/82, 20/10/82, 21/10/82, 22/10/82, 23/10/82, 24/10/82, 25/10/82, 26/10/82, 27/10/82, 28/10/82, 29/10/82, 30/10/82, 31/10/82, 1/11/82, 2/11/82, 3/11/82, 4/11/82, 5/11/82, 6/11/82, 7/11/82, 8/11/82, 9/11/82, 10/11/82, 11/11/82, 12/11/82, 13/11/82, 14/11/82, 15/11/82, 16/11/82, 17/11/82, 18/11/82, 19/11/82, 20/11/82, 21/11/82, 22/11/82, 23/11/82, 24/11/82, 25/11/82, 26/11/82, 27/11/82, 28/11/82, 29/11/82, 30/11/82, 31/11/82, 1/12/82, 2/12/82, 3/12/82, 4/12/82, 5/12/82, 6/12/82, 7/12/82, 8/12/82, 9/12/82, 10/12/82, 11/12/82, 12/12/82, 13/12/82, 14/12/82, 15/12/82, 16/12/82, 17/12/82, 18/12/82, 19/12/82, 20/12/82, 21/12/82, 22/12/82, 23/12/82, 24/12/82, 25/12/82, 26/12/82, 27/12/82, 28/12/82, 29/12/82, 30/12/82, 31/12/82, 1/1/83, 2/1/83, 3/1/83, 4/1/83, 5/1/83, 6/1/83, 7/1/83, 8/1/83, 9/1/83, 10/1/83, 11/1/83, 12/1/83, 13/1/83, 14/1/83, 15/1/83, 16/1/83, 17/1/83, 18/1/83, 19/1/83, 20/1/83, 21/1/83, 22/1/83, 23/1/83, 24/1/83, 25/1/83, 26/1/83, 27/1/83, 28/1/83, 29/1/83, 30/1/83, 31/1/83, 1/2/83, 2/2/83, 3/2/83, 4/2/83, 5/2/83, 6/2/83, 7/2/83, 8/2/83, 9/2/83, 10/2/83, 11/2/83, 12/2/83, 13/2/83, 14/2/83, 15/2/83, 16/2/83, 17/2/83, 18/2/83, 19/2/83, 20/2/83, 21/2/83, 22/2/83, 23/2/83, 24/2/83, 25/2/83, 26/2/83, 27/2/83, 28/2/83, 29/2/83, 30/2/83, 31/2/83, 1/3/83, 2/3/83, 3/3/83, 4/3/83, 5/3/83, 6/3/83, 7/3/83, 8/3/83, 9/3/83, 10/3/83, 11/3/83, 12/3/83, 13/3/83, 14/3/83, 15/3/83, 16/3/83, 17/3/83, 18/3/83, 19/3/8

Cognizant of the fact that the Palestine refugees have, for the last five decades, lost their homes, lands and means of livelihood,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,

* A/52/415.



Having also considered the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,

1. Urges all States to respond to the appeal in its resolution 32/90 F of 13 December 1977 and reiterated in subsequent relevant resolutions in a manner commensurate with the needs of Palestine refugees for higher education, including vocational training;

2. Strongly appeals to all States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to augment the special allocations for grants and scholarships to Palestine refugees, in addition to their contributions to the regular budget of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

3. Expresses its appreciation to all Governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations that responded favourably to its resolutions on this question;

4. Invites the relevant specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to continue, within their respective spheres of competence, to extend assistance for higher education to Palestine refugee students;

5. Appeals to all States, specialized agencies and the United Nations University to contribute generously to the Palestinian universities in the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 1967, including, in due course, the proposed University of Jerusalem 'Al-Quds' for Palestine refugees;

6. Appeals to all States, specialized agencies and other international organizations to support the establishment of vocational training centres for Palestine refugees;

7. Requests the Agency to act as the coordinator and liaison for the regular allocations for grants and scholarships and to recruit from the qualified Palestinian refugee candidates;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution;

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Bangladesh, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia,
Jordan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan,
Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen:
draft resolution

Observations of the United Nations Relief
and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees
in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 212 (III) of 19 November 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949 and all subsequent related resolutions,

Recalling also the relevant Security Council resolutions,

Having considered the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,¹

Taking note of the letter dated 14 October 1997 from the Chairman of the Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session,
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Refugees in the Near East addressed to the Commissioner-General, contained in the report of the Commissioner-General,²

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of its resolutions 48/40 E,³ 48/40 H⁴ and 48/40 J⁵ of 10 December 1993 and 49/35 C of 9 December 1994,⁶

Recalling Articles 100, 104 and 105 of the Charter of the United Nations and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,⁷

Affirming the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,⁸ to the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem,

Aware of the fact that Palestine refugees have, for five decades, lost their homes, lands and means of livelihood,

Also aware of the continuing needs of Palestine refugees throughout the occupied Palestinian territory and in the other fields of operation, namely, in Lebanon, Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic,

Further aware of the valuable work done by the refugee affairs officers of the Agency in providing protection to the Palestinian people, in particular Palestine refugees,

Deeply concerned about the critical financial situation of the Agency and its effect on the continuity of provision of necessary Agency services to the Palestine refugees, including the emergency-related programmes,

Aware of the work of the new Peace Implementation Programme of the Agency,

Recalling the signing in Washington on 13 September 1993 of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements by the Government of the

² Ibid., p. vii.

³ A/49/440.

⁴ A/49/442.

⁵ A/49/443.

⁶ A/50/451.

⁷ Resolution 22 A (I).

⁸ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization,⁹ and the subsequent implementation agreements, including the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip signed in Washington on 28 September 1995,

Taking note of the agreement reached on 24 June 1994, embodied in an exchange of letters between the Agency and the Palestine Liberation Organization,¹⁰

Aware of the establishment of a working relationship between the Advisory Commission of the Agency and the Palestine Liberation Organization in accordance with General Assembly decision 48/417 of 10 December 1993,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as well as to all staff of the Agency, for their tireless efforts and valuable work;

2. Also expresses its appreciation to the Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and requests it to continue its efforts and to keep the General Assembly informed of its activities, including the full implementation of decision 48/417;

3. Welcomes the completion of the transfer of the headquarters of the Agency to Gaza and the signing of the Headquarters Agreement between the Agency and the Palestinian Authority;

4. Acknowledges the support of the host Government and the Palestine Liberation Organization for the Agency in the discharge of its duties;

5. Calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to accept the de jure applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,⁸ and to abide scrupulously by its provisions;

6. Also calls upon Israel to abide by Articles 100, 104 and 105 of the Charter of the United Nations and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations⁷ with regard to the safety of the personnel of the Agency and the protection of its institutions and the safeguarding of the security of the facilities of the Agency in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem;

7. Calls once again upon the Government of Israel to compensate the Agency for damages to its property and facilities resulting from actions by the Israeli side;

⁹ A/48/486-S/26560, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993, document S/26560.

¹⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/49/13), annex I.

8. Requests the Commissioner-General to proceed with the issuance of identification cards for Palestine refugees and their descendants in the occupied Palestinian territory;

9. Notes that the new context created by the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization¹ and subsequent implementation agreements has had major consequences for the activities of the Agency, which is henceforth called upon, in close cooperation with the United Nations Special Coordinator in the Occupied Territories, the specialized agencies and the World Bank, to continue to contribute towards the development of economic and social stability in the occupied territory;

10. Notes also that the functioning of the Agency remains essential in all fields of operation;

11. Notes further the significant success of the Peace Implementation Programme of the Agency;

12. Expresses concern over those remaining austerity measures due to the financial crisis which have affected the quality and level of some of the services of the Agency;

13. Requests the Commissioner-General to consider the possibility of modernizing the archives of the Agency;

14. Urges all States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to continue and to increase their contributions to the Agency so as to ease current financial constraints and to support the Agency in maintaining the provision of the most basic and effective assistance to the Palestine refugees.



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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia,
Jordan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab
Emirates and Yemen: draft resolution

Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 36/146 C of 16 December 1981 and all its subsequent resolutions on the question,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General in pursuance of resolution 51/129 of 13 December 1996,¹

Taking note also of the report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine for the period from 1 September 1996 to 31 August 1997,²

Recalling that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights³ and the principles of international law uphold the principle that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his or her property,

¹ A/52/372.

² A/52/311, annex.

³ Resolution 217 A (III).

Recalling in particular its resolution 394 (V) of 14 December 1950, in which it directed the Conciliation Commission, in consultation with the parties concerned, to prescribe measures for the protection of the rights, property and interests of the Palestine Arab refugees,

Taking note of the completion of the programme of identification and evaluation of Arab property, as announced by the Conciliation Commission in its twenty-second progress report,⁴ and of the fact that the Land Office had a schedule of Arab owners and file of documents defining the location, area and other particulars of Arab property,

Recalling that in the framework of the Middle East peace process the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Government of Israel agreed, in the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements of 13 September 1993,⁵ to commence negotiations on permanent status issues, including the important issue of the refugees, and calling for the commencement of those negotiations,

1. Reaffirms that the Palestine Arab refugees are entitled to their property and to the income derived therefrom, in conformity with the principles of justice and equity;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate steps, in consultation with the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, for the protection of Arab property, assets and property rights in Israel and to preserve and modernize the existing records;

3. Calls once more upon Israel to render all facilities and assistance to the Secretary-General in the implementation of the present resolution;

4. Calls upon all the parties concerned to provide the Secretary-General with any pertinent information in their possession concerning Arab property, assets and property rights in Israel that would assist him in the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Urges the Palestinian and Israeli sides, as agreed between them, to deal with the important issue of Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues in the framework of the final status negotiations of the Middle East peace process;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, Annex No. 11, document A/5700.

⁵ A/48/486-S/26560, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993, document S/26560.



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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Bangladesh, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Saudi
Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen:
draft resolution

University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds" for Palestine refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/14 G of 16 December 1981, 37/120 C of
16 December 1982, 37/120 C of 16 December 1982, 38/83 K of 15 December 1983,
39/99 K of 14 December 1984, 40/165 D and K of 16 December 1985, 41/69 K of
3 December 1986, 42/69 K of 2 December 1987, 43/57 J of 6 December 1988, 44/47 J
of 8 December 1989, 45/72 J of 11 December 1990, 46/46 J of 9 December 1991,
47/68 J of 14 December 1992, 48/40 E of 10 December 1993, 49/25 G of
9 December 1994, 50/28 G of 6 December 1995 and 51/120 of 12 December 1996,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL,

HAVING ALSO CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST FOR THE
PERIOD FROM 1 JULY 1996 TO 30 JUNE 1997,

1 A/52/503.

2 Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session,
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1. Emphasizes the need for strengthening the educational system in the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 5 June 1967, including Jerusalem, and specifically the need for the establishment of the proposed university;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take all necessary measures for establishing the University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds", in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/13 B of 3 November 1980, giving due consideration to the recommendations consistent with the provisions of that resolution;

3. CALLS ONCE MORE UPON Israel, the occupying power, to cooperate in the implementation of the present resolution and to remove the hindrances that it has put in the way of establishing the University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds".

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FIFTY-THIRD SESSION ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION.



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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND OTHER ARABS OF THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cuba, Djibouti,
Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia,
Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen:
draft resolution

Work of the Special Committee to Investigate
Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights
of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of
the Occupied Territories

General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Guided also by the principles of international humanitarian law, in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,¹ as well as international standards of human rights, in particular the Universal Declaration of Human Rights² and the International Covenants on Human Rights,³

¹ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

² Resolution 217 A (III).

³ Resolution 2200 A.

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including resolution 2443 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, and relevant resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling also relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Aware of the lasting impact of the uprising (intifada) of the Palestinian people,

Convinced that occupation itself represents a primary violation of human rights,

Having considered the reports of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories⁴ and the relevant reports of the Secretary-General,⁵

Recalling the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements by the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Washington on 13 September 1993,⁶ as well as the subsequent implementation agreements, including the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip signed in Washington on 28 September 1995,

Expressing the hope that, with the progress of the peace process, the Israeli occupation will be brought to an end and therefore violation of the human rights of the Palestinian people will cease,

1. Commends the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories for its efforts in performing the tasks assigned to it by the General Assembly and for its impartiality;

2. Demands that Israel cooperate with the Special Committee in implementing its mandate;

3. Deplores those policies and practices of Israel which violate the human rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories, as reflected in the reports of the Special Committee covering the reporting period;

4. Expresses concern over the recent deterioration of the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, as a result of Israeli practices and measures and the impasse facing the Middle East peace process;

⁴ A/52/131 and Add.1 and 2.

⁵ A/52/550-553.

⁶ A/48/486-S/26560, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993, document S/26560.

5. Requests the Special Committee, pending complete termination of the Israeli occupation, to continue to investigate Israeli policies and practices in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, especially Israeli lack of compliance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,¹ and to consult, as appropriate, with the International Committee of the Red Cross according to its regulations in order to ensure that the welfare and human rights of the peoples of the occupied territories are safeguarded and to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises thereafter;

6. Also requests the Special Committee to submit regularly to the Secretary-General periodic reports on the current situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem;

7. Further requests the Special Committee to continue to investigate the treatment of prisoners in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967;

8. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To provide all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories, so that it may investigate the Israeli policies and practices referred to in the present resolution;

(b) To continue to make available such additional staff as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its tasks;

(c) To circulate regularly to Member States the periodic reports mentioned in paragraph 6 above;

(d) To ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee and of information regarding its activities and findings, by all means available, through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and, where necessary, to reprint those reports of the Special Committee that are no longer available;

(e) To report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the tasks entrusted to him in the present resolution;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories".



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AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND OTHER
ARABS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Bangladesh, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia,
Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen:
draft resolution

Applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection
of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, to the
occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the
other occupied Arab territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions,

Bearing in mind the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Having considered the reports of the Special Committee to Investigate
Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other
Arabs of the Occupied Territories¹ and the relevant reports of the Secretary-
General,²

Considering that the promotion of respect for the obligations arising from
the Charter of the United Nations and other instruments and rules of

¹ A/52/131 and Add.1 and 2.

² A/52/550-553.



international law is among the basic purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Stressing that Israel, the occupying Power, should comply strictly with its obligations under international law,

1. Reaffirms that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,³ is applicable to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967;
2. Demands that Israel accept the de jure applicability of the Convention in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, and that it comply scrupulously with the provisions of the Convention;
3. Calls upon all States parties to the Convention, in accordance with common article 1 to the four Geneva Conventions,⁴ to exert all efforts in order to ensure respect for its provisions by Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

³ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

⁴ Ibid., Nos. 970-973.



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Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia,
Jordan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab
Emirates and Yemen: draft resolution

Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory,
including Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan

The General Assembly,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and
affirming the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including those of its tenth emergency
special session, as well as relevant Security Council resolutions, including
resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967, 446 (1979) of 22 March 1979,
465 (1980) of 1 March 1980 and 497 (1981) of 17 December 1981,

Reaffirming the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the
Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,¹ to the
occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and to the occupied Syrian
Golan,

Aware of the Middle East peace process started at Madrid and the agreements
reached between the parties, in particular the Declaration of Principles on

¹ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.



Interim Self-Government Arrangements of 13 September 1993² and the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip of 28 September 1995,

Expressing grave concern over the decision of the Government of Israel to resume settlement activities, including the construction of the new settlement in Jabal Abu Ghneim, in violation of international humanitarian law, relevant United Nations resolutions and the agreements reached between the parties,

Gravely concerned in particular about the dangerous situation resulting from actions taken by the illegal armed Israeli settlers in the occupied territory, as illustrated by the massacre of Palestinian worshippers by an illegal Israeli settler in Al-Khalil on 25 February 1994,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,³

1. Reaffirms that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan are illegal and an obstacle to peace and economic and social development;
2. Calls upon Israel to accept the de jure applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,¹ to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and to the occupied Syrian Golan and to abide scrupulously by the provisions of the Convention, in particular article 49;
3. Demands complete cessation of the construction of the new settlement in Jabal Abu Ghneim and of all Israeli settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan;
4. Stresses the need for full implementation of Security Council resolution 904 (1994) of 18 March 1994, in which, among other things, the Council called upon Israel, the occupying Power, to continue to take and implement measures, including, inter alia, confiscation of arms, with the aim of preventing illegal acts of violence by Israeli settlers, and called for measures to be taken to guarantee the safety and protection of the Palestinian civilians in the occupied territory.

² A/48/486-S/26560, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993, document S/26560.

³ A/52/517.



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Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia,
Jordan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab
Emirates and Yemen: draft resolution

Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the
Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian
territory, including Jerusalem

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including those of its tenth emergency special session, and the resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, the most recent of which are resolutions 904 (1994) of 18 March 1994 and 1073 (1996) of 28 September 1996,

Having considered the reports of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories¹ and the reports of the Secretary-General,²

¹ A/52/131 and Add.1 and 2.

² A/52/550-553.



Aware of the responsibility of the international community to promote human rights and ensure respect for international law,

Reaffirming the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force,

Reaffirming also the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,³ to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967,

Recalling the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Washington on 13 September 1993,⁴ as well as the subsequent implementation agreements, including the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip signed in Washington on 28 September 1995,

Noting the withdrawal of the Israeli army, which took place in the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area in accordance with the agreements reached between the parties, and the initiation of the Palestinian Authority in those areas,

Noting also the redeployment of the Israeli army from six cities in the West Bank,

Concerned about the continuing violation of the human rights of the Palestinian people by Israel, the occupying Power, especially the use of collective punishment, closure of areas, annexation and establishment of settlements and the continuing actions by it designed to change the legal status, geographical nature and demographic composition of the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem,

Expressing its deep concern in particular over the closure by the Israeli authorities of the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, which prevents the freedom of movement of persons and goods and is the cause of great economic and social hardship, in violation of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, and the agreements reached between the two sides,

Convinced of the positive impact of a temporary international or foreign presence in the occupied Palestinian territory on the safety and protection of the Palestinian people,

Expressing its appreciation to the countries that participated in the Temporary International Presence in Hebron for their positive contribution,

³ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

⁴ A/48/486-S/26560, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993, document S/26560.

Convinced of the need for the full implementation of Security Council resolutions 904 (1994) and 1073 (1996),

1. Determines that all measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, in violation of the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,³ and contrary to the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, are illegal and have no validity and that such measures should cease immediately;
2. Demands that Israel, the occupying Power, cease all practices and actions that violate the human rights of the Palestinian people;
3. Stresses the need to preserve the territorial integrity of all of the occupied Palestinian territory and to guarantee the freedom of movement of persons and goods within the Palestinian territory, including the removal of restrictions into and from East Jerusalem, and the freedom of movement to and from the outside world;
4. Calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to accelerate the release of all remaining Palestinians arbitrarily detained or imprisoned, in line with agreements reached;
5. Calls for complete respect by Israel, the occupying Power, of all fundamental freedoms of the Palestinian people, pending the extension of the self-government arrangements to the rest of the occupied territory;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.



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Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman,
Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United
Arab Emirates and Yemen: draft resolution

The occupied Syrian Golan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories,¹

Deeply concerned that the Syrian Golan occupied since 1967 has been under continued Israeli military occupation,

Recalling Security Council resolution 497 (1981) of 17 December 1981,

Recalling also its previous relevant resolutions, the last of which was resolution 51/135 of 13 December 1996,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 30 October 1997,²

¹ See A/52/131 and Add.1 and 2.

² A/52/550.



Recalling its previous relevant resolutions in which, inter alia, it called upon Israel to put an end to its occupation of the Arab territories,

Reaffirming once more the illegality of the decision of 14 December 1981 taken by Israel to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the occupied Syrian Golan, which has resulted in the effective annexation of that territory,

Reaffirming that the acquisition of territory by force is inadmissible under international law, including the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,¹ to the occupied Syrian Golan,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967,

Welcoming the convening at Madrid of the Peace Conference on the Middle East on the basis of Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973 aimed at the realization of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace, and expressing grave concern about the stalling of the peace process on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks,

1. Calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to comply with the relevant resolutions on the occupied Syrian Golan, in particular Security Council resolution 497 (1981), in which the Council, inter alia, decided that the Israeli decision to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the occupied Syrian Golan was null and void and without international legal effect, and demanded that Israel, the occupying Power, should rescind forthwith its decision;

2. Also calls upon Israel to desist from changing the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure and legal status of the occupied Syrian Golan and in particular to desist from the establishment of settlements;

3. Determines that all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken or to be taken by Israel, the occupying Power, that purport to alter the character and legal status of the occupied Syrian Golan are null and void, constitute a flagrant violation of international law and of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,¹ and have no legal effect;

4. Calls upon Israel to desist from imposing Israeli citizenship and Israeli identity cards on the Syrian citizens in the occupied Syrian Golan, and to desist from its repressive measures against the population of the occupied Syrian Golan;

¹ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

5. Deplores the violations by Israel of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949;

6. Calls once again upon Member States not to recognize any of the legislative or administrative measures and actions referred to above;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.
